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NM QSO Party Award 2018

The Articles for This Month

MVRC VHF Contest

The local VHF contest March 21 was a huge success. Some of the goals it was designed to meet were to create an event for newer hams, to introduce hams to repeaters not in 2 meters. To get members to exchange info (and calls) with other members, to encourage non-2 meter activity and to practice for the state contest to be held shortly thereafter. All these goals were met

Over a dozen members participated. Four bands were used. Three modes of modulation were used, and more simplex QSOs were completed than in any recent 12 hour period. Many of the participants used equipment, frequencies, modes, and antennas not used before. All had a lot of fun

There was no clear winner, so co-winners were declared. KE5GAR and KF5KHJ, both had a score of over 80 points. When the logs were checked both lost about the same number of points for a variety of reasons. Both had about 30% more points than the nearest participant, so it was not hard to declare both winners of the contest.

Only three of the participants were officers, so the goal of getting a new seg-

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ment of the membership active was easily met.

It was clear that the local contest did prepare the club for the state contest coming up.

Practice with log keeping, recognizing the M and N in call signs and keeping good times were three of the skills of contest operating which were practiced. That all paid off when about 19 members submitted logs for that event.

Several members said that they enjoyed the contest and that they were hoping for a rerun in the fall.

Club Zoom Meeting

Because the current health situation restrictions prevent most meetings, the coming May 2 club meeting will be held over the internet with the program, Zoom. Zoom is a very innovative program which permits participants to hold meeting on the internet using both video and audio. It is easy to set up and does not require much equipment or any new software.

It does require that you have an internet connection, a browser, a microphone, and (if you want video) a camera. Different equipment can be set up differently, but the easiest method is to use a browser and an internet computer with a camera and microphone. The invitation which you should already have received has a long URL which you should transfer to your browser. (The AOL and the Firefox browser do not work as well as Chrome.) The zoom screen will appear and the moderator of the meeting will add you to the meeting. Be sure the audio icon (a microphone) and the video icon (a camera) are not turned off (with a slash through the icon) and that your computer audio is on too (Click the icon if they are off)

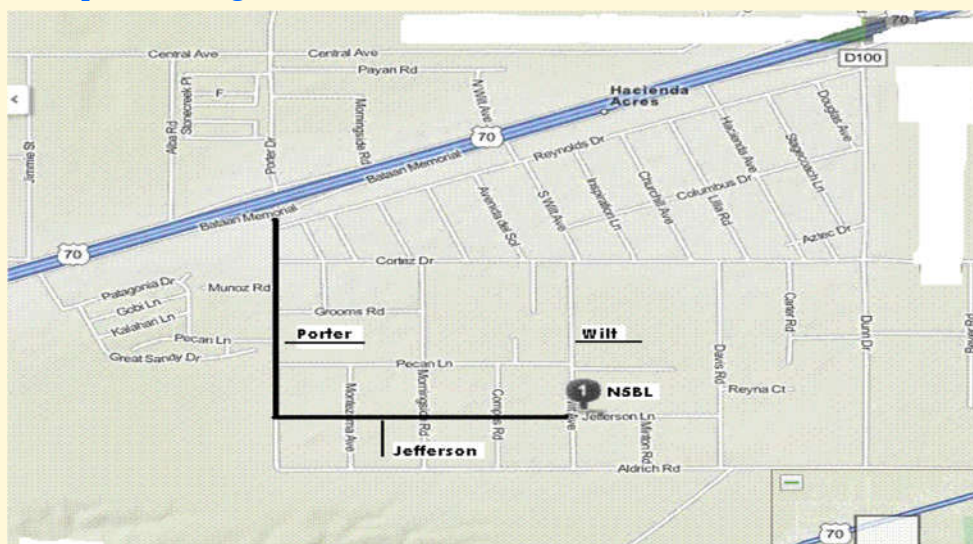
It takes a group some time to run a zoom meeting well. But seeing the speaker on your screen is helpful.

On our meeting, the moderator will show up at 8:30 am to help people set up for the 9 am meeting.

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CLUB INFORMATION

The MVRC Clubhouse is located at the intersection of Wilt and Jefferson. To find the clubhouse, set your destination on your GPS receiver as 32 degrees 22.961 minutes and -106 degrees 41.44 minutes. If you don't own a GPS, take the Porter exit near the firehouse on US 70. It is about 5 miles east from the I 25 interchange. Go south on Porter until you come to Jefferson. There turn left toward the mountains and go to Wilt. You will see the beam on the corner. The treasurer would be delighted to receive your contribution for landscaping and furnishing. More information at <http://n5bl.org>



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To join the Mesilla Valley Radio Club or renew your membership, please complete this form and print or cut out. Send it to **"Treasurer, MVRC, PO Box 1443, Las Cruces, NM 88004"** with annual dues (\$35 single, \$45 family)

Date: _____ Method of payment: Check No. _____ Other _____

Call Sign(S) _____ Family Membership Yes _____ No _____

License Class (E, A, G, T, N) _____ ARRL Member? (Y/N) _____

Are You a ARRL Volunteer Examiner (Y/N) _____

Would you like to be added to the MVRC reflector (email information system)? _____

Interests

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Repeater _____ Social _____ License Classes _____ Teach Licensing Classes _____

Volunteer Examiner _____ QRSS _____ Other _____

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